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SUBJECT: CU: IVP: BICENTENNIAL COORDINATOR PROJECT -
FY 76 PARTIAL GRANTEE PETER ALEXANDER
REISCHAUER

REF: BONN 11855

1. REISCHAUER, BICENTENNIAL COORDINATOR FOR STATE OF
BREMEN, WILL TRAVEL TO U.S. IN NOVEMBER FOR THREE
WEEKS. ETA WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS FIRM DATES ARE
FIXED. BIO AND PROGRAM INFORMATION FOLLOW.

2. NAME: PETER ALEXANDER REISCHAUER

PRESENT POSITION: REGIERUNGSDIREKTOR AND
DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF BREMEN STATE GOVERNMENT

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: CUXHAVEN, GERMANY; [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 SEP 2013]

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 28 BREMEN, HOLBEINSTRASSE 5

EDUCATION: UNIVERSITIES OF BONN AND HAMBURG

PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABROAD: ONE VISIT TO U.S. FOR FEW DAYS
TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK CITY STEUBEN DAY; MEMBER
OF OFFICIAL BREMEN DELEGATION TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
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CHINA, POLAND, AND YUGOSLAVIA

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: TECHNICAL-PROFESSIONAL, ADEQUATE;
CONVERSATIONAL/SOCIAL, GOOD. NO ESCORT/INTERPRETER
NEEDED.

FAMILY STATUS: MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN AGES 1 AND 3.

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

REISCHAUER IS TRAVELING AS BICENTENNIAL COORDINATOR FOR
LAND BREMEN, SMALLEST OF GERMAN STATES BUT ONE WHICH HAS
STRONG HISTORICAL AND CURRENT TIES WITH U.S. AND IS PLAN-
NING WIDE-RANGING PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. BICEN-
TENNIAL. REISCHAUER WILL USE TRIP TO DEVELOP AMERICAN
CONTACTS FOR AND GENERAL AMERICAN INTEREST IN ITS PLANS.
CITIES HE WISHES TO VISIT ARE WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA,
NEW YORK, BOSTON, NEW ORLEANS, BATON ROUGE, AND
HOUSTON.

IN WASHINGTON REISCHAUER SHOULD VISIT ARBA AND ALSO
PEOPLE AT SMITHSONIAN FOR OVERVIEW OF BICENTENNIAL PLAN-
NING IN COUNTRY AND IN CAPITAL. IF POSSIBLE HE WOULD
LIKE TO MEET CONGRESSMAN DAVID C. TREEN EITHER IN
WASHINGTON OR DURING STOP IN CONGRESSMAN'S HOME STATE OF
LOUISIANA.

STOPS IN BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY

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MEET LOCAL BICENTENNIAL ORGANIZERS TO COMPARE NOTES AND GET FEEL FOR PLANNING AT COMMUNITY LEVEL. HE HAS SPECIFIC INTEREST IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND WILL WISH TO VISIT HISTORIC SITES IN THESE TWO CITIES, ALSO HUMANITIES DEPARTMENTS OF UNIVERSITIES HERE OR ELSEWHERE ON HIS ITINERARY BECAUSE OF A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ARTS AND HUMANITIES. POST SUGGESTS UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM PEOPLE IN THIS CONNECTION.

STOP IN NEW YORK REQUESTED BECAUSE REISCHAUER WISHES TO DISCUSS "BREMEN TODAY" EXHIBIT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WORLD TRADE CENTER IN MAY 1976 AND POSSIBLE SPEECH ON THIS OCCASION BY HANS KOSCHNICK, MAYOR OF BREMEN, WHO WILL BE IN U.S. IN SPRING ON IV GRANT. NOTE: SINCE BREMEN IS CITY-STATE, KOSCHNICK AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT IS MAYOR. AMERICAN EQUIVALENT HIS TITLE HOWEVER IS MORE ACCURATELY GOVERNOR THAN MAYOR.

KOSCHNICK ALSO HAS INVITATION FROM GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA TO VISIT THAT STATE IN 1976, AND REISCHAUER REQUESTS INCLUSION NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE ON HIS SCHEDULE TO DISCUSS MAYOR'S VISIT AND POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL JOINT ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL. BREMEN IS PLANNING HAFENTAG (PORT DAY) IN HOUSTON, AND REISCHAUER WISHES STOP THERE FOR ADVANCE DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS, UNCLASSIFIED

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ETC. ON PLANS AND PROMOTION. TOUR OF NASA SPACE CENTER SHOULD BE PART OF HIS PROGRAM THERE BECAUSE BREMEN FIRM VFW-FOKKER IS BUILDING LABORATORY MODULE FOR U.S. SPACE SHUTTLE UNDER DIRECTION OF ESRO. GREAT INTEREST DEVELOPING IN BREMEN ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND IT LIKELY TO FIGURE IN ATTENTION GIVEN BICENTENNIAL IN THAT CITY.

4. REISCHAUER'S AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS RUN TO HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS. HE WILL REVEL IN SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE AND ITS WIDE-RANGING DEPARTMENTS. AS FREE TIME IS AVAILABLE, HE WANTS TO VISIT ART MUSEUMS IN OTHER CITIES, ESPECIALLY NEW YORK AND BOSTON. POST RECOMMENDS HE HAVE BRIEFING ON EDUCATIONAL AND EXTENSION SERVICES OF AMERICAN MUSEUMS DURING ONE OF THESE VISITS. HILLENBRAND

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